

# **DRAFT**

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING  
5207 ESSEN LANE, SUITE 6  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70809**

## **MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 19, 2007 BOARD MEETING**

**Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Deborah Olds, President, on Wednesday, December 19, 2007, at the Holiday Inn Select, 4728 Constitution Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808.

**Roll Call:** The following Board members were in attendance:  
Deborah Olds, RN, President  
Nora Steele, DNS, RN, C, PNP, Vice-President  
James E. Harper, MSN, RN, CFNP, Alternate Officer  
Bonnie Johnson, RN, MSN  
Patricia Johnson, RN, MN, CNA  
Carllene MacMillan, MN, RN  
Michelle T. Oswalt, CRNA  
Gail Poirrier, RN, DNS  
William St. John LaCorte, MD, MPH, Ex-Officio Member

The following Board members were not in attendance:  
Gerald Bryant, MSN, RN  
Alan J. Ostrowe, MD, Ex-Officio Member

The following staff members were in attendance:  
Barbara Morvant, MN, RN, Executive Director  
Thania Elliott, JD, MSH, RN, Director of Compliance and Monitoring  
Margaret Griener, MPH, APRN, PNP, Credentialing/Practice Director  
Joy Peterson, BSN, RN, Director of Investigations  
Elaine Vallette, DrPH, RN, Director of Education/Licensure  
Rickie Callahan, Regional Manager  
Melodie Knippers, RN Regional Manager  
Michelle Wells, MSHCM, BSN, RNC, Regional Manager  
Danielle Smith, RN, MSN, Regional Manager  
Cathy Maher-Storm, MA, RN, Regional Manager-RNP  
Jennifer Germond, Credentialing Manager  
Crystal Edwards, Licensing Analyst  
Charlann Kable, Licensing Analyst  
Wade Shows, Board Attorney  
Celia Cangelosi, Board Attorney  
Roy Hebert, CPA  
Suzanne Armand, Court Reporter  
Wanda Green, Administrative Assistant

**Introduction:** D. Olds established that a quorum of the Board was Present

**Opening Prayer:** The meeting opened with a prayer by C. MacMillian

**Motion:** by G. Poirrier, seconded, that the President be granted the authority to reorder the agenda.

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswald-yes;  
B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ACTIONS ON DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2007**

B. Morvant announced the names of the registrants whose file was presented at the December 18, 2007 Hearing.

**Excused:** M. Oswald, G. Poirrier, G. Bryant were excused from the disciplinary hearings held on Tuesday, December 18, 2007

**Melissa Kirkpatrick**

The matter was heard by the Board in response to a Show Cause order as filed.

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, that licensure by endorsement be denied.

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes;  
B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Debra Ann Lewis**

Appeared before the Board with counsel, Dan Robin, in response to charges as filed.

**Recused:** B. Johnson was recused from this hearing

**Motion:** C. MacMillian, seconded, that the license of this Respondent remain suspended and Respondent shall not be able to request license reinstatement until satisfaction of reinstatement application requirements and upon completion of the following:

Refrain from working in any capacity as a registered nurse Failure to do so shall cause further disciplinary action and/or criminal charges.

Submit to a comprehensive outpatient psychiatric, psychological and substance abuse evaluation by a psychiatrist, clinical psychologist and addictionist who have been approved by the Board.

Shall authorize and cause a written report of said evaluation to be submitted to the Board. Shall include the entire evaluation report, including diagnosis, course of treatment, prescribed or recommended treatment, prognosis and professional opinion as to the registrant's capability of practicing nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients.

Immediately submit to all recommendations thereafter of the therapist, physician or treatment team. And cause to have submitted evidence of continued compliance with all recommendations by the respective professionals. This stipulation shall continue until the registrant is fully discharged by the respective professionals and until approved by Board staff.

If the evaluations give any treatment recommendations or findings to warrant concern for patient safety, shall meet with the Board or Board staff. Must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that she poses no danger to the practice of nursing or to the public and that she can safely and competently perform the duties of a registered nurse.

If found to be chemically dependent, immediately sign an agreement with the Recovering Nurse Program and cause to have submitted evidence of compliance with all programs for a minimum of 3 years.

Submit written evidence of completion of LSBN staff approved continuing education hours to include: ten (10) hours on legal aspects of nursing and ten (10) hours on documentation.

Not have any misconduct, criminal violations or convictions or violations of any health care regulations reported to the Board related to this or any other incident.

After completion of above-listed requirements, and if approved by the evaluator and Board staff, the Respondent is eligible for reinstatement, with the following stipulations:

Submit a payment of \$1350 to the Board as cost for investigation to the Board and Hearing.

Within 12 months of license reinstatement, submit a payment of \$300 fine to the Board.

Within two years, submit payment of \$4800 as cost of Board hearing.

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**CONSENT ORDERS:**

There were sixty-five (65) matters that came before the Board in the form of Consent Orders entered into by Board staff.

**Motion:** by J. Harper, seconded, that the consent orders submitted for the following registrants be accepted.

**Marcia Bernard Ager  
Allison Glass Allums  
Nancy Steward Babcock  
Joyce Daniels Baham  
Ronald L. Baker  
Kari Sheets Bercegeay  
Andrew Joseph Blell  
Julia Leveque Bordelon  
Jack Christopher Braley  
Christina Kapala Brinkman  
Deborah Jackson Burnom  
Sue Scarborough Coons  
Jody Adam Cormier  
Laura Gautreaux Cullen  
Bengie Davis  
Elaine Douglas Deberry  
Marian Kimberly Dison**

Mary Lauve Edwards  
Kristen M. Rhodes Entrekin  
Tracy Ann Ferguson  
Malcolm Wayne Fitzhugh  
Janet Lavergne Fontenot  
Lesbay Curt Fontenot  
Kerry Jean Van Epps Foreman  
Raymond Alvin Franklin, II  
Donna Pruett Godwin  
Brenda Edwards Galliano  
Jeri Howlett Gandy  
Linda Nix Gordon  
Tracey Roy Griffin  
Thomas Courtney Hebert  
Jeffrey Adam Highstreet  
Concetta Iacono  
Thomas Edward Johnson  
Vicki Kaye Kennon  
Tonya Thomas LeBlanc  
Paige Elizabeth Leysath  
Kenneth Duane Little  
Lina Akridge Lucas  
Catrina Davison Manning  
Lori Domino Marcotte  
Emily Melissa Matise  
Nora Anderson Mayes  
James Mervin McCauley  
Tresslyn Patrice Neff  
Dianna Crayton Owens  
Tamara Thevenot Riche  
Rebecca Lynn Richerson  
Pamela Rivers Roark  
Pamela Hollis Roye  
Judy Adams Seay  
Rhonda Day Setoudeh  
Ryan Vaughan Sisson  
Kathy Burns Smiley  
David Barry Smith  
Stephen Paul Starnes  
Kory Michael St. Pe  
Natalie Ann Twardosky  
Laurie Marie Vannatta  
Patricia Rushing (McKie) Webb  
Laura Vercher West  
Carrie Villani Wibright  
Kristopher Rocky Williams  
Amy Miller Young  
Angela Attfield Young

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Automatic Suspensions:**

There were fourteen (14) matters heard as ratification of Automatic Suspensions by Board staff:

**Motion:** by B. Johnson seconded, that the Board ratify the Automatic Suspensions by staff of the following registrants:

**Nora Jacintha Alexander  
Wesley James Arnold  
Amber Penner Kilpatrick  
Tara Nicole Lyons  
Joshua Shawn McCracken  
Kimberly Meaux Moulard  
Tammy Pettis Mulhearn  
Ronald Steven Nezat  
Sandra Harrell Robinson  
Samuel Allen Senegal  
Shannon Kellye Sullivan  
Kathy Smith Taylor  
Letha McFall Taylor  
Ashley Leblanc Weems**

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Brandice Mignon Foucher**

The matter was heard by the Board in response to staff action for automatic suspension of approval for clinical nursing.

**Motion:** by C. MacMillian, seconded, that Board ratify the automatic suspension of approval for clinical nursing courses for **Brandice Mignon Foucher**.

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**MULTIPLE ACTIONS:**

Two (2) matters were heard before the Board involving Multiple Actions by Board staff.

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, that the Board ratify multiple actions of the following individuals:

**Keith Victor Broussard  
Jonathan Edward Smith**

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**RATIFICATION OF DELAY/DENIAL OF STAFF ACTION:**

Two (2) matters came before the Board as ratification of delay or denial by staff action.

**Motion:** by B. Johnson, seconded, that the Board ratify the delay/denial of the licensure by staff of the following individuals

**Kari Scolastico Drost  
Lynda Franklin Turner**

**SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE**

The Board received the written report of the Settlement Committee meetings held 10/22/07, 11/2/07 and 12/3/07. No Action required by the Board.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**September 11, 2007 Special Session Hearings**

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded that the Board approve the minutes of the September 11, 2007 Special Session Hearings.

**September 12, 2007 General Board Meeting**

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the September 12, 2007 General Board Meeting.

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswald-yes;  
B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:**

D. Olds presented a verbal report, stating that on December 17, she, along with Ms. Morvant and Mr. Harper, had met with representative of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners. The purpose of the meeting was to come together to discuss practice issues which may be conflicting between the two Boards.

One of the first topics to be discussed will be the issue of aesthetics. Ms. Olds requested that the Practice Committee place this matter on its agenda.

**REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT**

**AGENDA ITEM 2.1:**

**VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT (JULY 1, 2007 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2007)**

The Board reviewed the Vice-President's Report and First Quarter Financial Statement.

Roy Hebert, the new CPA for the Board, was present to answer any questions regarding the financial reports.

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, that the report of the Vice-President and the First Quarter Financial Statement Report (July 1, 2007 – September 30, 2007) be accepted.

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswald-yes;  
B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried



**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

The report of the Executive Director was distributed to Board members.

Ms. Morvant stated that a status report regarding the new building was prepared by the architects and recently received. Attached to the report is the financial accounting of expenditures regarding the building to date.

Move-in dates for the building have been delayed. Temporary space will be maintained until March. Transition plans for moving will be made immediately following the Board meeting.

Discussion ensued.

The Board has been awarded a Certificate of Recognition by the Department of Health and Hospitals for its substantial involvement with the launching of the Department of Health and Hospitals Office of Public Health-Volunteer Registry. Over 3000 of the State's licensees have volunteered to be on call for a disaster. The Board served as a basis for interfacing the original platform for volunteer system and as a regulatory board.

**Motion:** by G. Poirrier, seconded, to accept the report of the Executive Director.

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswald-yes;  
B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

**AGENDA ITEM 2.2**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 2007-2008 BUDGET**

Ms. Morvant reported that when the Administrative Committee met and reviewed the financial statements it was realized that the Budget did not contain sufficient funds under the Professional Services Consultant. The Sparkhound project had not been originally envisioned when the original Budget was adopted. The project is to redesign the platform for the Board's IT servers and system.

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to amend 2007-2008 Budget to increase Professional Services Consultant from \$25,000 to \$50,000 to provide sufficient funds for the Sparkhound Computer Consultant Project.

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswald-yes;

B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 2.3**

**PROPOSED 2008-2009 FISCAL BUDGET**

Ms. Morvant presented the Proposed Fiscal Budget for 2008-2009 to Board members. The budget is based on a 2% increase above actual for revenues, and the expenditures are actual projected costs based on the number of current positions and the 2006-2007 actuals. The Fiscal Budget is due to the Legislative Auditor by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the Proposed 2008-2009 Fiscal Budget.

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswald-yes;  
B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 2.4**

**PROPOSED 2008 MEETING DATES**

The Proposed 2008 Meeting Dates were presented to the Board for approval.

Due to conflicts, Ms. Morvant asked that the dates for the March 2008 Board meetings be changed to March 17, 18, 19. And the date of March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 for the Advisory Council Meeting be added.

The Settlement Committee dates should be noted. The Administrative Committee is recommending that the Board schedule Settlement with meetings on Mondays primarily. For months with committees, a meeting would be held the Monday preceding the Tuesday, scheduled Committees. Once the dates are adopted, Board members will be contacted to see which dates are preferred.

Discussion ensued.

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the 2008 dates for the Board and committee meetings and deadlines with changes.

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswald-yes;  
B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by J. Harper, seconded, to accept the report of the Administrative Committee.

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswalt-yes;  
B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

### **ADVISORY COUNCIL**

There was no meeting of the Advisory Council.

### **CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE:**

The Credentialing Committee met on October 23, 2007 and made the following recommendations:

#### **AGENDA ITEM 3.1**

#### **REVIEW OF NURSING CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT FOR ANNUAL RELICENSURE (RENEWAL)**

**Motion:** by G. Poirrier, seconded, recommend to direct staff to initiate rule making and change for the 1<sup>st</sup> offense for continuing education non-compliance of annual license renewal to be an informal reprimand.

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswalt-yes;  
B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

#### **AGENDA ITEM 3.2**

#### **REVIEW OF RULES FOR REINSTATEMENT OF RN LICENSURE AND DISCUSSION OF RULE CHANGE**

**Motion:** by G. Poirrier, seconded, to direct Board staff to gather the following information about reinstatement statistics to present to the next Credentialing Committee:

1. Total number of reinstatement nursing licenses issued in 2006 for applicants who had not worked in nursing for 5 years or more.
2. Of that total number, how many completed only the 60 contact hours, and how many completed an RN refresher course.
3. Provide a count of the number of inquiries received from nurses asking about reinstatement of their Louisiana license who have been inactive or

delinquent for 5 years or more that have not been practicing/working in nursing elsewhere.

Further, the committee recommends to the Board for Ms. Morvant, Ms. Griener and Dr. Vallette to meet and review the current rules regarding continuing education requirements for reinstatement and make recommendations at the next Credentialing Committee.

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswald-yes;  
B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

### **AGENDA ITEM 3.3**

#### **REVIEW OF CERTIFICATION BY THE PEDIATRIC NURSING PRACTITIONER – ACUTE CARE (CPNP-AC) AND APPROVAL FOR THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING TO RECOGNIZE AND LICENSE NURSE APPLICANTS APPLYING FOR THIS SPECIALTY.**

**Motion:** by G. Poirrier, seconded, approval of the certification by the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB) for the APRN role of Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner – Acute Care (CPNP-AC) and for the Louisiana State Board of Nursing to recognize and license nurse applicants applying for the specialty.

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswald-yes;  
B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by J. Harper, seconded, to accept the report of the Credentialing Committee.

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswald-yes;  
B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

### **EDUCATION/ EXAMINATION ISSUES**

N. Steele stated that the Education Committee met on October 23, 2007 and made the following recommendations:

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4.1**

#### **WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING – PROPOSAL FOR AN EXTERNSHIP NURSING ELECTIVE**

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to approve the proposal for an externship elective at William Carey University School of Nursing.

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswald-yes;  
B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 4.2**

**DELGADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE/CHARITY SCHOOL OF NURSING – REQUEST FOR APROVAL OF AN RN REFRESHER COURSE**

**Motion:** by G. Poirrier, seconded, to approve the request by Delgado Community College/Charity School of Nursing for a RN Refresher course.

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswald-yes;  
B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Poirrier-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 4.3**

**NURSING SHORTAGE**

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to recommend that the LSBN representatives on the current joint LSBN and LSBPNE sub-committee bring forward a motion to examine the possibility of an LPN Exit Option for students enrolled in RN programs of nursing.

And recommends that the Board establish a task force to examine the accessibility of general education courses across Louisiana nursing programs to promote faster completion of LPN to RN tracks.

Discussion ensued.

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswald-yes;  
B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 4.4:**

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY – CONDITIONAL APROVAL STATUS**

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to remove Southern University Baton Rouge from conditional approval status and restore full approval of their BSN program.

Staff made a site visit to Southern, and all LSBN standards are currently

being met. All graduates of 2007 are taking the NCLEX prior to the committee meeting. They currently have a 84.1% pass rate.

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswald-yes;  
B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 4.5**

**LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AT EUNICE – REQUEST FOR A PILOT STUDY ON THE USE OF PRECEPTORS**

**Motion:** B. Johnson, seconded, that this request be withdrawn and will submit in writing to the Board.

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswald-yes;  
B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 4.6**

**FLETCHER TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE – PROPOSAL TO INITIATE AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING PROGRAM.**

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to grant initial approval to Fletcher Technical Community College for the Associate of Science in Nursing Program and approve admission of students for January 2008 with the following recommendation and suggestion:

1. Recommend that Fletcher Technical Community College acquire onsite secretarial support staff for the Division of Nursing and Allied Health.
2. Suggest that Fletcher Technical Community College acquire a skills laboratory coordinator in the near future.

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswald-yes;  
B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the report of the Education Committee

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswald-yes;  
B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE**

M. Oswald reported that the Compliance Committee met on October 23, 2007 and made the following recommendations

**AGENDA ITEM 5.1**

**PROPOSED REVISED EVALUATION POLICY**

**Motion:** by Ms. Oswald, seconded, to approve the proposed revised Evaluation Policy.

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswald-yes;  
B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 5.2**

**PROPOSED REVISION TO LAC46:XLVII.3331 DENIAL OR DELAY OF LICENSURE, REINSTATEMENT , OR THE RIGHT TO PRACTICE NURING AS A STUDENT NURSE**

**Motion:** by M. Oswald, seconded, to accept the proposed revision to the LAC46:XLVII.3331 Denial or Delay of Licensure, reinstatement, or the right to practice nursing as a student nurse.

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswald-yes;  
B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Discussion ensued.

**Motion:** N. Steele, seconded, to accept language amending these Proposed Revisions to provide for grandfathering of those who have been granted exceptions.

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswald-yes;  
B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by Ms. Oswald, seconded, to accept the report of the Compliance Committee.

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswalt-yes;  
Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

### **NURSING PRACTICE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Harper reported that the Practice Committee met on October 23, 2007 and made the following recommendations.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6.1**

**WHETHER IT IS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR AN RN TO DELEGATE TO AN LPN THE COUNTING OF CARBS. ALSO, IS IT WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR AN RN TO DELEGATE TO AN LPN THE ADMINISTRATION OF INSULIN VIA THE INSULIN PUMP (VERNON PARISH SCHOOL NURSES)**

**Motion:** by M. Oswalt, seconded, that is within the scope of practice for an RN to delegate to an LPN the counting of carbs and the administration of insulin via the insulin pump.

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswalt-yes;  
B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6.2**

**WHETHER IT IS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR A SPECIALTY TRAINED PICC RN TO VERIFY BY RADIOGRAPHIC CONFIRMATION CATHETER TIP PLACEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR VENA CAVA AND TO AUTHORIZE USE OF THE CATHETER PRIOR TO THE RADIOLOGIST'S VALIDATION OF THE PICC PLACEMENT. (LAFAYETTE GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER)**

**Motion:** by G. Poirrier, seconded, that this request for opinion be deferred for consideration at the next Practice Committee Meeting, and direct staff to research other state boards of nursing opinions and information about this issue. Also, that the hospital requesting the opinion provide proposed policies for the training of the specialty trained PICC line nurses.

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswalt-yes;  
B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Harper reported that the initial EMTALA committee, mandated by the Legislature to consider EMTALA acts regarding registered nurses being okayed to perform medical screening examinations in emergency room settings, met October 23, 2007. Each of the following five associations and agencies which were directed to sit on the committee by HCR 202



provided a representative to attend:

1. Louisiana State Nurses Association, Dr. Joe Ann Clark
2. Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, Dr. Robert Marier, Executive Director.
3. Rural Hospital Coalition, Mr. Jack Stolier, attorney
4. Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Medicaid Director's Office, Erin Rabalais, Health Standards Section Manager.
5. Louisiana State Medical Society, Dr. Chris Trevino

Mr. Harper stated that the committee determined it will need to meet again on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. This will be open to the public for comment, particularly from hospitals who may be requesting this legislation. The committee has to have the committee's recommendation back to the Legislature by sometime in March.

**Motion:** by J. Harper, seconded, to accept the report of the Practice Committee

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswald-yes;  
B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

The Board presented Mr. Harper with a plaque in recognition of his service on the Board for the past four years.

#### **AGENDA ITEM A:**

#### **REPORT ON RULEMAKING OF LAC 46:XLVII.3335 CONTINUING EDUCATION – NURSING PRACTICE**

There have been no requests for a public hearing or comments received. The Board may accept the revisions for final promulgation.

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept revisions to LAC46:XLVII.3335 Continuing Education for final promulgating.

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswald-yes;  
B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to nominate D. Olds as president for 2008.

D. Olds accepts the nomination to serve as president for 2008.

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswald-yes;  
B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by M. Oswald, seconded, to nominate N. Steele as vice-president for 2008.

N. Steele accepts the nomination to serve as vice-president for 2008

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswald-yes;  
B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by M. Oswald, seconded, to nominate J. Harper as alternate officer for 2008..

J. Harper accepts the nomination to serve as alternate officer for 2008

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswald-yes;  
B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of hearing the Report on Litigation.

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswald-yes;  
B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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**DEBORAH OLDS, PRESIDENT**  
**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

